

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended): A food scoop and serving container comprising:
an upwardly tapered ~~frusto-conical~~ frusto-conical paperboard portion ~~of stiff resilient-cellulosic material~~ having a generally circumferential grain direction and a base for closing a bottom of said ~~frusto-conical~~ frusto-conical portion.
2. (Original): A food scoop and serving container according to claim 1 in which said base has a generally circular shape.
3. (Currently amended): A food scoop and serving container according to claim 2 in which said base is formed separately from said upwardly tapered ~~frusto-conical~~ frusto-conical portion.
4. (Currently amended): A food scoop and serving container according to claim 3 in which said upwardly tapered ~~frusto-conical~~ frusto-conical portion defines an open scoop shaped top having an open face portion.
5. (Currently amended): A food scoop and serving container according to claim 4 in which ~~said stiff resilient-cellulosic material is paper board and which~~ said food scoop and serving container defines a generally ~~eup-shape~~ cup-shaped container.
6. (Currently amended): A carton blank for forming a plurality of upwardly tapered ~~frusto-conical~~ frusto-conical portions of a food scoop and serving container, said carton blank comprising a flat sheet of paperboard ~~stiff resilient sheet of cellulosic material~~ defining multiple rows of side by side carton elements having a top, a bottom and two opposite sides and wherein the grain direction of said cellulosic material is in the direction of said rows.

7. (Currently amended): A carton blank for forming a plurality of upwardly tapered ~~frusto-conical~~ frusto-conical portions of a food scoop and serving container according to claim 6 in which said top of a carton element is contiguous with a bottom of an adjacent carton ~~elements~~ element in each of said rows in a repeating format.

8. (Currently amended): A carton blank for forming a plurality of upwardly tapered ~~frusto-conical~~ frusto-conical portions of a food scoop and serving container according to claim 7 in which the sides of each of said carton elements define a pair of converging linear edges which converge from said top to said bottom.

9. (Currently amended): A carton blank for forming a plurality of upwardly tapered ~~frusto-conical~~ frusto-conical portions of a food scoop and serving container according to claim 8 in which said bottom of each of said carton elements in said flat sheet defines an arc shaped concave edge.

10. (Currently amended): A carton blank for forming a plurality of upwardly tapered ~~frusto-conical~~ frusto-conical portions of a food scoop and serving container according to claim 9 in which said top edge of said carton element defines an undulating shape with a concave portion opposite the top of said arc shaped bottom.

11. (Currently amended): A carton blank for forming a plurality of upwardly tapered ~~frusto-conical~~ frusto-conical portions of a food scoop and serving container according to claim 7 in which said carton elements in one of said rows is staggered with respect to said carton elements in an adjacent row in order to reduce scrap material between said carton elements.

12. (Currently amended): A carton blank for forming a plurality of upwardly tapered ~~frusto-conical~~ frusto-conical portions of a food scoop and serving container according to claim 11 in which said ~~cellulosic material is paper board with~~ paperboard has a thickness of about 0.012.